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SUBJ: BELIZE REACTIONS

1. COLUMN IN MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPER EL SOL HAS PROMPTED REPORTERS TO QUERY FONMIN MOLINA ABOUT BELIZE STATE OF PLAY. ACCORDING TO PRENSA LIBRE NOV 23, MOLINA STATED "IT IS FALSE THAT GUATEMALA IS ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS (WITH UK) PREJUDICIAL TO THE COUNTRY." SPECIFICALLY HE IS SAID TO HAVE "DENIED EMPHATICALLY THAT GUATEMALA IS PREPARED TO CEDE PART OF THE BELIZE TERRITORY." AS REPORTED BY LATIN-REUTER HERE, MEXICAN COLUMNIST HAD ATTRIBUTED TO MEXICAN CIA INFORMATION THAT IN "SECRET TALKS" BEFORE THE FOURTH COMMITTEE VOTE IT WAS AGREED THAT "ENGLAND WOULD SUPPORT GUATEMALA IN THE TAKEOVER OF 400 SQUARE MILES OF BELIZEAN TERRITORY."

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2. MEANWHILE, TAKING CUE FROM GOVERNMENT, EDITORIALISTS THUS FAR HAVE SOUGHT TO PUT BEST FACE ON THE VOTES ADVERSE TO GUATEMALA IN THE FOURTH COMMITTEE. COMMENTARIES PROFESSED TO SEE GREATER SUPPORT FOR GUATEMALA THAN IN 1976. THEY ARRIVE AT THIS CONCLUSION BY COMPARING THE 1976 "NO" VOTES ON THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE RESOLUTION WITH

THE CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF VOTES IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION
TABLED BY GUATEMALA, RATHER THAN WITH THE MUCH DIMINISHED
ALIGNMENT WITH GUATEMALA AGAINST THE 1977 PRO-INDEPENDENCE RESO-
LUTION.

3. ONE WHO DIDN'T ACCEPT THIS SOMEWHAT ROSEATE VIEW OF THE
FOURTH COMMITTEE RESULT WAS PID DEPUTY JORGE LOBOS LEIVA,
A MEMBER OF THE UNGA DELEGATION. LOBOS POINTED OUT THE
VARIOUS LATIN DEFECTIONS CITES IN USUN 4787 AND SAID HE WAS
PRESSING FOR A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE,
AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO CONSIDER "ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND
DIPLOMATIC" RESPONSES CORRESPONDING TO A GIVEN
COUNTRY'S VOTING BEHAVIOR.

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